



Making the Most of "Ordinary Time"

With Memorial Day weekend, we come to the doorway of summer. Graduation celebrations are winding down and schools are dismissing for summer. Vacation plans are being made around full schedules of summer recreation, family reunions, and weddings. In the life of our church, Vacation Bible School, Mission Trips, and church camps provide unique opportunities for fellowship, service and nurturing of faith.

It is ironic in a way that we call this season in the language of the church, "common, or ordinary time." In fact, we have entered the longest season of the church year after celebrating Pentecost last Sunday. For the next six months, clear up to the beginning of Advent on November 28, we are in "common time."

The liturgical color for these months is green. The paraments on table and pulpit are green; our green stole wear out more quickly than our violet, red and white stoles because it is used as much as the other colors all put together. Even in that awareness, there is something very revealing about this long season.

Green calls for considerations of nurture, growth, and engaging the vitality in life. Thus the special church opportunities of summer are sometimes transformational for individuals and families. Testimonies of dedicated servants of God often reflect the life-changing experiences of a mission trip or church camp in their formative years.

With that said, let me add that this can be a season of growth for persons of all ages. In fact, this long season of common time can be a welcome opportunity for all of us to grow in God's claim upon our lives and how we might live out the life of discipleship more faithfully. Sometimes it takes fifty, sixty, seventy years or more to embrace some of the perspectives God would have us to hold.

So, your pastoral staff invites you to a fertile season of growth. We may preach from both the prophets and the Gospel of Luke this summer. You might want to add the weekly lectionary readings to your personal spiritual habits this summer as one of your greening experiences. Listen for deep truths about the living God. Let us help you find relevant applications for living in faith today. Take time to smell the roses, enjoy good friendships, and worship regularly.

Welcome to "common time" and the opportunities of meeting God in the daily ebb and flow of this green season. With eyes and ears attuned to God, may you have some uncommonly enriching experiences of joy and grace!

Bill Briley

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Lectionary Readings for the week of May 30: **1 Kings 18:20-39**
Psalm 96
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10

Lectionary Readings for the week of June 6: **1 Kings 17:8-24**
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

CALENDAR

June 2 - Spiritual Pathways Book Review at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

June 3 - MEET at 7pm. If you have thought about membership at LSCC or have questions about the Disciples of Christ faith, this is the perfect opportunity to get to know our church and denomination.

June 5 - MEET at 10am. If you have thought about membership at LSCC or have questions about the Disciples of Christ faith, this is the perfect opportunity to get to know our church and denomination.

June 6 - Informal Membership Sunday

June 6 - Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Adult and Children's Sunday School teachers will be recognized at the service you are attending on June 6th. A brunch in your honor will be held in the Social Hall from 9am - 10:30.

June 6 - VBS Work day from 2-5pm

June 9 - VBS Work day from 10am-12 noon

June 13 - MLT Meeting at 6 pm

June 16 - Spiritual Pathways Book Review. We'll meet at 6:30pm to finalize books for 2010/2011.

June 27 - Mission Trip Action Team at 1:15pm.



THANK YOU to all of those who sent cards, visited me, prayed for me, etc. while I was on vacation in the hospital. Now I really know what love is. My creator has surely blessed me with far more blessing than I deserve.
--Joseph S. Lenz

Thank you to everyone who supported **Color Their World** by attending or donating toward the KC Wizards soccer event. It was a great chance to share in fellowship and celebrate the great work our 5th and 6th graders are doing toward their goal of a million crayons. Your support for this event raised over 30,000 crayons!

Thank you to everyone who helped get the apartment ready for our new resident. The cleaning crew included Joyce Oldenburg, Margaret Fox and Pat Conard. Janet Melton did the grocery shopping along with Denise Thornson. Thanks to Kathy Moore who purchased Denise's shopping time in the silent auction and offered to share Denise. Thanks to Mike Timm for fixing the plumbing in the kitchen. Monday we had a new resident move in - a 24 year old mother of two. If you would like to take her a welcome meal, please call Lois to check on dates.

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CHILDREN

Summer Sunday School - Our regular school year is drawing to a close, and summer Sunday school will begin June 6th. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade will meet from 10:00 to 10:50am in the small quad. Also on the 6th, the toddler room will be up and running again! Our theme for June will be Noah's Ark.

Help us Prepare the Church for VBS, one of our BIGGEST forms of Outreach to the LS

Community - Vacation Bible school is just 4 weeks away! Come join us to decorate and get the church ready. We'll have work days Sunday, June 6th from 2pm to 5pm and Wednesday June 9th from 10am to noon. Work days the week of the 13th will likely be scheduled as well. We have a lot to do and need a lot of loving hands to do it. Even if you don't think you're "artistic", there are jobs you can do! Childcare will be provided.

Friday Family Flicks - intergenerational movie nights aimed at entertaining and educating! During these two-hour events, we'll watch a movie, share a snack, play games, and learn about being nicer, better people! Kids, bring your parents, brothers and sisters, and grandparents!

July 2nd – *The Great Muppet Caper*

July 30th – *Monsters, Inc.*

August 13th – *A Bug's Life*

August 27th – *Toy Story*

Backyard Camp - a party **just for our one, two, and three-year-olds!** If you're between ages 1 and 3, come join us in the backyard July 10th from 11am to 1pm for stories, songs, crafts, and a cookout! Be prepared to get a little wet and sandy, and don't forget to bring a parent!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations College Graduates - The following have recently graduated from college. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their next journey:

Kristin DeLancey: BS in Radiology from Avila University

James Hatchitt: Graduated Cum Laude from Baylor Law School

Andra Eby Lewin: Master of Music Education from UMKC Conservatory of Music

Mary Beth Martin: BC in Education from Wichita State University

Leah Peters: Master's Degree in Education from Truman State University

Kevin Shrout: Bachelor's Degree with emphasis in Mktg. and Mngmt. from Drake University

Li Ji Guan - has had his lip surgery thanks to the efforts of LSCC! As you can see from his pictures, his eyes are still sparkling with happiness. The cleft palate surgery comes next!



Mission Trip ActionTeam. An action team is forming to explore this amazing form of outreach. We will look at the strong history of LSCC's youth missions, how we can continue and strengthen that, as well as look at how we can expand our missions to include our adults and possibly be inter-

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ADOPT A MISSION TRIPPER (3 DIFFERENT WAYS TO HELP, DO 1 OR ALL 3)!

We have 25 people going to Costa Rica in June! There are several ways for the whole church to pray with and support these folks as they travel and share God's love. This is a powerful way for our church to connect with our Mission Trippers. (We will have the same opportunity later for our 30 people going to Denver in July.)

1. Adopt a Mission Tripper as a Prayer Partner--If you sign up to be a Prayer Partner you covenant to fill a 1 gallon zipper bag with goodies, write a note to your Prayer Partner for each day of the trip, and pray for that person by name as they prepare for and travel on this mission trip. Contact Suzanne if interested, she will match you with a participant and get you a few ideas of fav. snacks.

2. Notes for Mission Trippers-- Write a note of encouragement, support, and prayer to a participant. A mailbox will be located in the foyer along with envelopes with participant names.

3. We will be taking donations with us to the church where we'll be serving in Costa Rica. We are waiting to hear the specific needs. Watch for more details.

Contact Suzanne (skerr@lchristian.com) with any questions or interest.

VBS registration has begun. We're counting down to our Galactic Blast adventure with Galileo the green gorilla. Join us June 21-25 for an out-of-this-world adventure, learning about God's great creation and making new friends along the way.

Hope House Urgent Needs: size 5 & 6 diapers, toilet paper, conditioner, moisturizing creams, oil treatments (African Pride Oil Moisturizing Lotion, African Pride Magical Gro, Africa's Best Herbal Oil, Blue Magic Hair Conditioner, Soft & Beautiful Conditioning Spray, Motions Oil Sheen Conditioning Spray, S-Curl Moisturizer); women/children sandals or flops, du-rags, head scarves, boys/girls swim wear, calamine lotion, bug repellent, beach towels.

Holy Land Update From Rev. Matthew Silvers

Jan. 17 will mark the start of our 10-day trip to the Holy Lands. The paperwork should be available by Sunday. We have had a great response from people who are interested in traveling to Israel. Everyone is welcome to come on this trip. We are hoping to have a busload of people to experience this incredible travel opportunity. Don't hesitate to email or call me with questions. God bless and I hope to be traveling with you next January!

VBS volunteers needed: adults and youth needed to decorate, set up, clean up, shepherd kids and serve as storytellers during Bible school. Contact Jennifer Parson or Mikki Jordan.

VBS Needs

Craft Items (there is a drop off bin in the narthex for these items):

400 clean aluminum pie tins

10 pounds of dry beans

1000 jingle bells, any size

Snack Items (there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, please do NOT bring snack items until the week of VBS):

Mild Cheddar Cheese

Honey Nut Cheerios

Apples

Raisins

Cheez-Its

Ritz Crackers

M&M's
Twizzlers
Mini Bagels
Cream Cheese
Napkins
Lemonade or Pink Lemonade
9oz Cups
Brownies (NO NUTS)
Cookies (NO NUTS)

Hillcrest Update - Kelly's graduation party was held Sunday night and we celebrated her successful completion of the Hillcrest program. Best wishes to Kelly as she continues to recover from breaking her ankle right before she moved.



Habitat for Humanity - On May 22nd we built an 8 x 10 shed for the home we worked on last year. As Habitat homes do not have garages, outside storage is needed for their lawn mower, gas and other items that should not be stored in the house. Thanks to Marian and Nicole Morris and to Hannah Lammers for volunteering. Ask Hannah about using a palm nailer - she got quite good at it by the end of the day. Our next work day is June 26th.

Church Camp - You can still sign up for church camp! If you haven't gotten your forms in yet, there is still time. Check www.talloaks.org for info or pick up a form at church.

TNT (20's & 30's) - Discuss and study faith and life issues in the Parlor from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Mondays. Last meeting for the summer will be June 7th. After that, join TNT to cheer on our Men's Softball Team on Tuesday evenings and then fellowship at Buffalo Wild Wings.



Grace Prayer Circle is looking for prayer partners. No meetings, just pray daily for our prayer list. Contact Janette Williams at 525-2185 or kayakblue2007@gmail.com.

Career Networking Action Team - This group sponsors an online job listing, candidate profiles and tips. [Read more ...](#)

OFFERING

May 9

In Worship: 450

In Study: 168

Actual Giving: \$10,439

Actual Year-to-Date: \$231,791

Needed Weekly: \$13,608

Needed Year-to-Date: \$258,552

May 16

In Worship: 460

In Study: 200

Actual Giving: \$10,786

Actual Year-to-Date: \$264,779

Needed Weekly: \$13,608

Needed Year-to-Date: \$272,160

SAVE THE DATE



June 21-25 - Vacation Bible School

Join Galileo the green gorilla for a Galactic Blast adventure in outer space! We will have tons of fun celebrating God's great creation! VBS is available for kids who will be four years old on or before July 31 to those entering the 6 grade. Registration begins in April. Childcare provided for younger children of VBS volunteers.

Sept. 12, 18 & 19: LSCC 140th Birthday Celebration - special recognition of our past, our present and our future. Call Kathy Moore (537-7827) to volunteer.

COMMUNICATION CENTER



Copies of anniversary/birthday lists, thank you notes and the monthly serving schedule are located in the narthex; or view these lists on our [home page](#).

Need to reach a pastor or staff member? Go [here ...](#)

Next Newsletter: June 10th... Content Deadline: 5 pm, June 8th to [Jennifer Holbert](#)

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Join us Sunday

8 & 11am: Traditional Worship
9am: Casual/Contemporary Worship
10am: Education and Fellowship

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